MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

July 2023 – The July MNS meeting will be held Thursday, July 20, at 6 PM in the Mayfair Mall Community Room. Members are welcome to bring show and tell items. The program will be extended show and tell.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are now held from 6 to 8 PM in the Mayfair Mall community room on the third Thursday of each month.

July Coin of the Month: **For July, we offer a 2007 Silver state quarters proof set, as issued by the US mint. Starting price for this set is only $30, just a little more than the bullion value of the coins.**

July 2023 MNS President's Message

Big news to start this message off with: At our last meeting it was unanimously accepted that we should investigate the Cleveland Pub and Grill in New Berlin as a potential new meeting site for the club. They have a terrific private meeting room that we could use monthly, free of charge, and our meeting would be able to start at 7 PM again. As of this writing, it was agreed to try holding our October 19th meeting there, subject to room availability. Please continue watching the newsletter and MNS website for any updates. Hopefully this will work out and we will have a new, safe, convenient location for everyone in the club to meet.

Potential New Meeting Location for October 2023 and beginning in January 2024:

Cleveland Pub & Grill
14000 W. Cleveland Ave.
New Berlin, WI 53151

Kudos to Adele and Norm V. for suggesting the Cleveland Pub & Grill as a potential new meeting location. It works out to being about seven miles southwest of Mayfair Mall, so still quite centrally located to the metro-Milwaukee area. Parking is ample, bathrooms are easily accessible, and with food there we would no longer have to worry about a refreshment schedule. We will give this spot a trial run soon and I look forward to hearing thoughts from our members.

A big thanks goes out to local dealer Andy Kimmel for taking time to speak at our last meeting. I just wish that we had more time at the meeting for additional discussion to take place. He is always chock full of great stories and anecdotes, and there were plenty of good questions coming from the members. We will certainly have to schedule him to return to another meeting next year.

I hope that everyone has a great 4th of July and is enjoying their summer, now that it is in full swing.

Happy Collecting,
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Tom Casper has kindly informed the editor that two MNS members recently received awards from the ANA, according to the July 2023 Numismatist: Dave Hunsicker is one of three people who received the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Memorial Award for Exemplary Service. The award is for members who have demonstrated years of enthusiastic service in volunteering time, expertise and resources that contribute to the ANA's growth and success, and have furthered the Association's educational mission.

John & Nancy Wilson are among five people who received the ANA's Philanthropy Award honoring those who have made substantial contributions to the Association that further its strategic mission to expand, enhance and sustain the hobby. Congratulations to all the winners.

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Schedule

Monthly meetings for the calendar year will proceed as scheduled. Due to changes at Mayfair Mall, our meetings will run from 6:00-8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

Monthly meeting programs

Jan 19:	General Business/Show & Tell
Feb 16:	CANCELLED-SNOW
March 16:	Tom C: Play Money Presentation
April 20:	Show & Tell-Non Numismatic
May 18:	Spring Auction
June 15:	Andy Kimmel Presentation
July 20:	General Business/Show & Tell
Aug 17:	General Business/Show & Tell
Sept 21:	Numismatic Trivia Game
Oct 19:	Autumn Auction –

MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLEVELAND PUB & GRILL (7 PM)

Nov 16:	Raffle Prize Drawing
Dec 21:	Christmas Party/Bingo/Elections

Annual Dues

Dues for 2023 are $10. Please pay Treasurer Chris K. at the next meeting, or they can be mailed to **MNS, PO Box 26886, Wauwatosa, WI 53226-0886.** Thanks to those who have paid. Those who have not paid will be removed from the club's mailing list.

Random Information

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, and helpers to work at events. MNS will also reimburse refreshment expenses up to $60. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.613.9996 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make the club a success.

2023 Numismatic Events

Aug 8-12:	ANA World's Fair of Money David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA
Aug 13:	Beaver Dam Coin Show American Legion 300 Beichl Ave., 9-3 PM
Oct 1:	Nicolet Coin Club Show Stadium View Bar & Grill Green Bay, 9-3 PM
Oct 13:	Chet Krause Memorial Park Dedication – Iola, WI
Oct 29:	Elgin, IL Coin Show Holiday Inn 495 Airport Rd, 9-3 PM
Nov 12:	MNS Coin Show, 9-4 PM Sheraton Hotel Brookfield

Refreshment Schedule

Jan 19:	Justin P.
Feb 16:	CANCELLED-STORM
March 16:	Jordan H.
April 20:	Dave Hunsicker
May 18:	Don K.
June 15:	John B.
July 20:	Chris & Ray
Aug 17:	Justin P.
Sept 21:	OPEN
Oct 19:	OPEN
Nov 16:	OPEN
Dec 21:	Christmas Party

Spielmannszug Milwaukee Drum and Bugle Corps 30th anniversary pin, 1989, 30 mm wide.

Milwaukee Numismatic Society

Minutes

June 15, 2023

President Justin Perrault called the 1038th meeting of the MNS to order at 6:04pm. There were 21 members & 2 guests in attendance. The president led the club in the pledge of allegiance. Door prizes were won by Dave H, Dave H, Jordan H, Bruce B, and Leon S

Coin of the Month: Steve J. won the coin of the month, a 2005 Silver Eagle $1 First Strike MS69, with a winning bid of $62.00.

Minutes: The minutes for May 2023 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chris K. reported April showed net receipts of $77.00, Vanguard transfer, interest earned transfer, and $487.76 in net disbursements for a positive net cash flow of $472.17. May showed net receipts of $174.45, Vanguard transfer, interest earned transfer, and $274.94 in net disbursements for a positive net cash flow of $811.25.

Correspondence: Formal Ballot ANA, N.O.W News, World Coin News.

Vice President Report: We have plenty of openings for refreshments and programs in 2023.

New Member: Ken Jackson was approved. He collects US Coins. Welcome to MNS!

New Location: The club is considering using a new location to hold monthly meetings. A recommendation has been made to use Cleveland Pub and Grill in New Berlin. Most likely the club will try out the recommendation for the meeting in September. Please stay in touch for more updates.

Show & Tell: Jordan H – European Vacation & Euro Extravaganza, Leon S – Armenian Medal & Armenian Brandy Medal, James K – 20 Cent Collection, Bruce B – Two Ancient Coins, Dave H – Good Old Days, John B – Liberty Nickel and Coin Training.

Program: Coin dealer Andy Kimmel gave a wonderful presentation about the current state of numismatics and other related topics.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:01pm by President Perrault.

Respectfully submitted by James Kubley

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In this issue we are printing a vintage flyer promoting the beautiful medal struck to commemorate the 400th meeting of the MNS, which took place on January 17, 1968. The article about astronaut commemorative coins, reprinted from Numismatic News, was recommended by Robert Mathieu.

A Tribute To The Beauty Of Numismatics

The Stellar Anniversary Medal of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society

This truly numismatic medallion commemorates the Milwaukee Numismatic Society's 400th Meeting on January 17, 1968. The Society was founded on October 29, 1934.

The medal's obverse portrays a Muse astride Pegasus, which is the mythological symbol of poetic beauty - the ultimate form of beauty. This rendering of Pegasus, of which there are many, is after a 19th Century Bavarian Art and was chosen for its pleasing proportions and graceful and determined stride. A Katanga Cross was placed in the hand of the Muse to symbolize Numismatics and emphasize the primitive or real money phase. The thirteen star halo is symbolic of the purity and freedom of the hobby. The completed picture is a tribute to the beauty of Numismatics, as Numismatics freely strives forward and upward.

The medal was designed by Gale Vergil Highsmith, President of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, and his initials were appended as a base line to insure the proper balance perspective.

The reverse, commemorating the 400th meeting of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, is a take-off from the United States pattern four dollar "Stella", which inside the star reads "One Stella — 400 Cents". The medal reads "One Stella — 400 meetings". Star rays were added to symbolize the light of Numismatics. A laurel and an oak branch adorn the field. The single acorn on the oak branch serves to remind those who would tend to scoff at the hobby that "The mighty oak was once a nut". The reverse also bears the Society name with the founding and anniversary dates.

Inspiration Launched into Space

BY SOPHIA MATTIMIRO

It's safe to say that humanity has been fascinated with space since the beginning of, well, humanity. Astronomy, the science that studies celestial objects, space and the physical universe, may not have had an official name until much later, but monitoring the sun, moon and stars was crucial for navigation, maintaining crops and even religious practices.

The first documented records of systemic astronomical observations date back to around 1000 B.C. with the Assyro-Babylonians. Technology and curiosity continued to advance, and soon the Greeks in the third century B.C. were making leaps and bounds, identifying the possibility that Earth travelled around the sun instead of the other way around as was widely believed. Mathematicians began to attempt to measure the distance of Earth from the sun and moon and, though early calculations were a little off, they had the right idea.

Throughout the thousands of years from those first records in Mesopotamia to the beginnings of human space exploration in the 1960s, the questions and theories regarding space and the universe became as vast as the universe itself.

Most are aware of the Cold War, a struggle between the U.S. and the Soviet Union after World War II ended. However, the conflict wasn't exclusive to battling over land, the two countries sending their efforts into space.

The Soviet Union sent the first spacecraft, *Sputnik 1*, into space on Oct. 4, 1957. This kicked off the Space Race in full. The U.S. quickly formed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which opened on Oct. 1, 1958. The two countries quickly volleyed back and forth with their different advancements, launching space crafts into space that eventually began to carry animals and even humans.

The first person into space was Yuri Gagarin, who was also the first person to orbit the Earth on April 12, 1961. Not to be outshone, the U.S. sent Alan Shepard into space less than a month later, and President Kennedy promised to have man on the moon by 1970. This goal was achieved on the infamous day of July 16, 1969. There aren't many who haven't seen the clip of Neil Armstrong make the first step on the moon. Armstrong's famous quote, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," was heard by millions and is still recognized as one of the greatest one-liners.

It didn't take long for the first space stations to be built, and probes began to be sent further and further from Earth. The '70s saw the first probes landing on Mars, which took numerous photographs and tested the dirt for the presence of life.

Dr. Sally Ride has been a household name since her historic journey into space on June 18, 1983. While she isn't the first woman in space, the honor going to Valentina Tereshkova in 1963, Ride is recognized as such as the first American woman to go to space.

Ride was born on May 26, 1951, in Encino, Calif. Long before she considered space travel, Ride was an avid tennis player with hopes to become a professional. She started playing at age 10 and eventually became ranked in the top 20 nationally on the junior tennis circuit.

After graduating high school, Ride traveled to Pennsylvania to attend Swarthmore College. She dropped out in her sophomore year to pursue a career in tennis, but it didn't take long for Ride to decide that going to college would be a better option for her, and she enrolled at Stanford University.

While her career seemed to take a drastic turn from tennis to a double degree in physics and English, Ride credits her parents for encouraging her to explore and fostering her interest in science. Ride completed both Bachelor's degrees in 1973 and contin-

Sally Ride was the first American woman in space. (Image courtesy Wiki Commons)

Sally Ride communicates with ground controllers from the flight deck during the six-day mission of the *Challenger*. (Image courtesy Wiki Commons)

ued on with her education immediately after, earning her Master of Science in 1975 and a doctorate in physics in 1978.

In 1977, NASA put out the search for women astronauts. Ride was still a student at the time, working towards her doctorate. She found an ad in the school newspaper inviting people to apply to the astronaut program, encouraging women and minority groups to apply as well.

With thousands of applicants, the selection process was intense. There were only 208 finalists after initial applications were received. The applicants reported to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, for a week of interviews and medical examinations. She was tested to see if she was claustrophobic, and even had to write an essay on why she wanted to become an astronaut. Ride's years of tennis didn't go to waste, impressing doctors with her physical fitness as well. Finally, in early 1978, Ride received the call that she was one of 35 candidates that had been chosen. She was one of six women in the group.

Dr. Ride was joined by Judith Resnik, Kathryn D. Sullivan, Anna Lee Fisher, Margaret Rhea Seddon and Shannon Lucid as the first six U.S. women astronauts.

Part of her training involved learning to fly NASA's T-38 Talon jet, which Ride enjoyed so much that she took private lessons and earned a private pilot's license. She bought a part interest in a Grumman Tiger aircraft, which she flew on weekends.

By mid 1979, Ride and the other astronaut candidates had completed their training and evaluation and officially became U.S. astronauts, which qualified them for selection on space flight crews.

Her career as an astronaut started on the ground, however, serving as a capsule communicator as part of ground-support crew for the November 1981 and March 1982 shuttle flights. Then, in 1983, Ride experienced her first spaceflight as a mission specialist on STS-7, NASA's seventh space shuttle mission. Aboard the *Challenger*, Ride was in charge of the robotic arm that helped deploy and retrieve satellites.

Ride was one of five crewmembers on her first space flight in June 1983. The crew consisted of (from left) Mission Specialist Sally Ride, Commander Robert Crippen, Pilot Frederick Hauck, Mission Specialist Norman Thagard and Mission Specialist John Fabian. (Image courtesy Wiki Commons)

Ride went back to space a second time in October 1984. She used the robotic arm to remove ice from the exterior of the shuttle and adjust the radar antenna. Ride was set to return to space for a third mission, but the training was cut short due to the *Challenger* disaster in January 1986.

In 1985, Christa McAuliffe was selected as the primary candidate for the NASA Teacher in Space Project. The social studies teacher was to be the first civilian to fly into space. The program was designed to inspire public interest in the Space Shuttle program. In 1986, only 73 seconds into its flight, the shuttle broke apart, resulting in the deaths of all seven crew members. The excitement surrounding McAuliffe's presence on the shuttle had caused major media coverage and many watched the launch live.

Ride served on the committee tasked with investigating the *Challenger* disaster. She left NASA in 1987.

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The crew assigned to Ride's second mission included (front row from left) Pilot Jon A. McBride and Mission specialists Sally Ride, Kathryn D. Sullivan, and David C. Leestma. Standing are Payload Specialists Paul D. Scully-Power (left) and Marc Garneau (right) with Crew Commander Robert L. Crippen. This was the first flight to include two women. Sullivan was the first woman to walk in space. (Image courtesy Wiki Commons)

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Ride went back to California where she started teaching at the University of California San Diego as a professor of physics. In 2001, she co-founded Sally Ride Science with her partner Tam O-Shaughnessy. Ride wanted to find ways to inspire children, especially young girls, to pursue science. The two women also wrote multiple space and science books for children, and Ride created a program that allowed middle school students to use NASA satellites to take pictures of the moon and study the images.

In 2011, Ride was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She went through various treatments including chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery. Ride died after a 17-month battle on July 23, 2012, at the age of 61.

Ride received numerous awards throughout her life, among which she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Astronaut Hall of Fame. She was awarded the NASA Space Flight Medal twice and was inducted to the California Museum for History, Women, and the Arts. In 2013, President Barack Obama announced she would receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the U.S. The award was presented to O'Shaughnessy at a ceremony held at the White House.

The Coins

The obverse of Dr. Ride's quarter shares the common design of the series. A portrait of George Washington by Laura Gardin Fraser, who came up with the design to honor Washington's 200th birthday. Fraser's design was the recommended design in 1932, but ultimately the familiar John Flanagan design was chosen. Fraser's design making a comeback for the American Women quarters program is fitting.

The reverse of the coin shows Dr. Ride sitting next to a window on a space shuttle. The image is inspired by her quote, "When I wasn't working, I was usually at a window looking down at Earth." Earth can be seen through the window in the background with "E PLURIBUS UNUM" positioned over America.

In 2021, the U.S. Mint released a commemorative silver dollar recognizing Christa McAuliffe. The obverse depicts a portrait of McAuliffe and the reverse shows her as a teacher, pointing up towards the sky as her students look on. Seven stars honors the seven lives lost in the *Challenger* tragedy. "I TOUCH THE FUTURE. I TEACH." is inscribed above their heads. ◆

Dr. Sally Ride is featured on the 2022 American Women quarter. (Image courtesy U.S. Mint)

In 2021, the U.S. Mint released a silver commemorative coin honoring Christa McAuliffe, the first civilian to be chosen for space travel. (Image courtesy U.S. Mint)